

4 and outputting said digital voice data;
5 a buffer means for storing said digital voice data;
6 a detection means for detecting the quantity of data in said digital voice data
7 stored in said buffer, and outputting a detection signal as a detection result;
8 a conversion means for converting said digital voice data into analog voice data
9 based on said detection signal, wherein a data control means for controlling the output of
10 said digital voice data to said conversion means, based on said detection signal; wherein,
11 said data control means outputs a dummy code to said expansion means, in the case when
12 said digital voice data stored in said buffer means is less than a required amount for play
13 back; in contrast, in the case when said buffer means approaches an overflow amount,
14 said data control means does not allow the output of said digital voice data to said
15 conversion means; and
16 a speaker means for emitting said analog voice data into the air.

1 Claim 3. (Twice amended). A voice transceiver according to claim [2] 1, wherein when
2 said dummy code is inputted into said expansion means, said expansion means outputs
3 digital voice data in which the strength of said compressed voice code inputted
4 immediately prior to said dummy signal is reduced.

REMARKS

By this amendment figure 3 of the drawings to add "RELATED ART".

Claims 1-4 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claim 2 is canceled and claims 1 and 3 are amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 2. Attached hereto is a separate sheet entitled "Clean Copy of Claims" showing a clean copy of the amended claims. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henley et al. (U.S. Patent 5,526,353) in view of Shiono (U.S. Patent 4,618,936). This rejection is